

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A blower comprising:

a base having a transverse passage defined therethrough and the transverse passage defining a first hole and a second hole in two opposite ends of the base, a motor having a shaft extending therefrom received in the transverse passage and a fan device coupled to the shaft to be driven by the motor extending from the second hole;

a ring being connected to the base and encloses the second hole, the ring including a tapered outer periphery extending to an open end of the fan device mounted to the tapered outer periphery of the ring; [[,]] and

a casing connected to the base and ~~mounted to~~ covering the fan device, the casing including an outlet and an anti-back device engaged in the outlet, the anti-back device having a frame to which a plate is pivotably connected, the plate being opened in one direction and sealing the outlet when in an opposite direction.

Claims 2 - 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Original) The blower as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an inlet member connected to the base and composed of a collar and a screen fixed to the collar, the inlet member covering the first hole of the base.

Claim 5 (Currently amended) A ~~The blower as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:~~

a base having a transverse passage defined therethrough and the transverse passage defining a first hole and a second hole in two opposite ends of the base, a motor having a shaft extending therefrom received in the transverse passage and a fan device coupled to the shaft to be driven by the motor extending from the second hole;

two support legs connected to the base and each support leg having a notch defined in an underside thereof, two top racks connected to the base and located opposite to the support legs, the top racks being sized to be engaged with the notches in the support legs; and

a casing connected to the base and covering the fan device, the casing including an outlet and an anti-back device engaged in the outlet, the anti-back

device having a frame to which a plate is pivotably connected, the plate being opened in one direction and sealing the outlet when in an opposite direction.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) The blower as claimed in claim 5, wherein each top rack includes a protrusion extending from an outside surface thereof and the protrusions are hooked to an outside surface of the support lugs when ~~two~~ two blowers are overlapped with each other.

Claim 7 (Currently amended) A ~~The blower as claimed in claim 1, wherein~~ comprising:

a base having a transverse passage defined therethrough and the transverse passage defining a first hole and a second hole in two opposite ends of the base, a motor having a shaft extending therefrom received in the transverse passage and a fan device coupled to the shaft to be driven by the motor extending from the second hole, the base includes including a plurality of recessed areas on an outer periphery of the base, and each recessed area forms forming a connection port in an inner periphery of the transverse passage, the motor having lugs which are fixed to the connection ports; and

a casing connected to the base and covering the fan device, the casing including an outlet and an anti-back device engaged in the outlet, the anti-

back device having a frame to which a plate is pivotably connected, the plate being opened in one direction and sealing the outlet when in an opposite direction.

Claim 8 (Original) The blower as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of sub-inlets defined through a wall of the base and the sub-inlets communicating with the transverse passage.